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from the

PRESIDENT'S DESK

Happy Easter, Happy Mother's Day, and Happy Father's Day in the next three months. May you all enjoy all these holidays.

Now back to TEC, if you have a good article for the TEC NEWS let's hear from you. The earlier you send it in, the better as I'd like to get the July issue of the TEC NEWS out earlier. This will be appreciated by me.

TEC dues are coming in very good but all those that haven't paid their dues by April 1st will be dropped. When their dues are paid they will be re-instated and receive their TEC NEWS if there are some left.

Folks the coins given out with the TEC NEWS are given out while they last, then we give what we have. We don't always get enough to go around. We do our best to try to please. Any one cares to donate coins for July issue please write to me. Will appreciate the help on this. Or send the coins right in.

It's again time to donate coins for give away for the TEC meeting. How about it folks, do you care to help? Just send the coins in. We give out all and what we get while they last.

We also need coins for the TEC table at the convention. If we get coins for this we will continue on this. If not we will drop this. We got a lot of new members in California so I'd say this has helped us. I give thanks to Frank Brazzell on this last year as he donated coins for this and made some for his free ads to give out at the table to. This has helped TEC a lot. Thank you kindly for all your help Frank.

If the members want an auction at the next meeting we need material for this. Again a call goes out for auction material.

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FROM THE PRESIDENT DESK

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All the money from this goes to the TEC treasury. Last year I donated a full set of one design of only five sets made. I also donated some P.N.C. covers. Any and all things will be very much appreciated for this auction.

After I get this issue into the mail I'm going to the hospital possibly for an operation. Haven't felt good since before November. Then when I went in for tests in December I had to rush Al back to the hospital with pneumonia. He came home just before Christmas. Then in January I got very sick again and the Doctor said, go have more tests. With Al being on oxygen all the time Al and I talked this over and we will try to finish our term out and then we want to relax.

So even though we have a year more to go and nominations arent in order until next spring, its not to early to have the members start thinking of who wants to run for office. All offices are open to all. The more the better. Also think, if you have no intention of going to meetings, dont take a job in name only. Its not really a must to go, but it would help a lot. As if no officers show up, then no meeting. Remember any member in good standing can run for office and its open to all. The more the better, so start thinking.

I did write to Dottie Dow this past December to see if she would run for president when I answered her letter. So Dottie are you listening?

Also an new editor will be needed as I've done my part on this all these years and time to let some-one else do this. I'll try to stick it out for a year more but I will know better after I get out of the hospital. This job pays you nothing so all these years I never received a cent. Yet maybe we can find someone out there that will give it a try starting in 1985. Or maybe before. It is good experience for someone. So anyone interested in this job, get in touch with me. and let me know if you had experience. You also must have a typewriter of your own and must be able to type and spell. For more information on this please write. All this must be volunteer work. I myself can't keep up this space yet I keep trying to do my best. Yet hard to do at times.

So lets keep TEC going and get the members to run for office.

God willing I'll be able to relax and roll coins and sell them. Right now I could never take on a mail order business as believe me I just cant.

I've enjoyed all but time to move on as old age catching up with us. Also the money spent on the trips is getting more expenses and I need it for better use.

If all goes well I'll see you in Detroit. God Bless you all.

Sally Kirka - TEC President

COINS DONATED

Forgive me for not remembering the name of the TEC member who donated the elongated coins for the April issue of the TEC NEWS, but I had lot on my mind. Will appreciate hearing from the TEC member so we can thank him for the beautiful coins he donated to give out. Its of the Mississippi River Exposition Tricentennial 1673-1973. A real nice coin and die.

If you have any elongated coins to put in on the page for BUY-SELL and Trade, please send it right in. If I don't get more members to write in we will do away with this page, so its up to you. I never thought it was so hard to get anyone to write in about the coins they have for sale. So folks lets hear from you if you have a coin for sale. There are many of our members that may want the elongated coin you may have for sale. Deadline for articles and ads is May 12, 1984. Send at once if you can.

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BELIEVE IT OR NOT!

BY AL KIRKA
MANCHESTER, CONN.

A year ago just before Christmas my wife Sally told me to take her to one house as she wanted to pick up a Christmas gift. I wasn't sure what was on her mind until I found out later it was my gift to her for Christmas.

As she came out of the house I didn't see a thing and Sally didn't say a word until she pulled a black bundle of fur from under her coat when we got home. Under that coat was a small toy poodle. I never had a pet before in my life, so Sally told me the puppy will grow on me. I honestly can say I didn't know what to expect from this cute little black puppy. As in only a day or two I took to this little dog as like Sally said she would grow on me. By the way we named her Queenie for short.

It didn't take Queenie long to take over the house. Right from the start Queenie became an elongated coin collector of a sort. Many times as Sally was working on her elongated coins and if she would drop a coin on the floor. If she didn't pick it up right away it soon disappeared. At first Sally thought I picked the coin up, or I thought Sally did. Well it happened a few times but we thought nothing of it.

Queenie was the type that if she didn't want something she would hide it, from her doggy bones to anything to all her toys. We have had many little things disappear but we thought we misplaced some of the things. Then as the months went by Sally would find things all around, specially as she sat down in her chair. If you found something you didn't remember putting there, you'd wonder where it came from or who put it there.

I remember once when Sally got up she said she had a sore back. When she went to make the bed, she found out why, as she was sleeping on some elongated coins, a doggy bone and a couple of toys.

As we saw the coins we wondered did Queenie collect elongated coins to. So Sally and I started a hunt all over the house where was her hiding place hidden. No matter where we looked Queenie was right behind us. She sort of kept looking where Al's big oxygen machine stood. We couldn't move the machine but Sally got a stick and there she pulled out 55 elongated pennies, two half dollars, 5 nickels, 1 dime and 7 quarters. Now how when and where she got all these elongated coins we will never know. Also Queenie isn't telling us. In another place we found a few more coins bobby pins, tooth picks, any small thing she could pick up and carry to her hiding places. She changed them many times.

I think she earned the name of TEC mascot as Queenie is still collecting elongated coins. The other day I found a TEC badge which I took out to mail. It disappeared so fast I wasn't sure that I took one out. I had to take the TEC badge back as Queenie didn't order one.

Now Sally got the idea that if she can get a good picture of Queenie she will try to put her on a coin. Queenie is really very smart and very sharp dog. Just go near her new hiding place and Queenie can be in the next room and she will come running as if to say, those are her elongated coins and leave them alone!

If your wondering how Queenie got most of the coins, we figured out after Sally sprayed the coins she had them on a board on the table. When we had to use the table we put the board of coins on the floor and we suspect this is the way she helped herself to the coins. Anyhow who would of thought our dog Queenie would collect elongated coins. So believe it or not!

If you have a good article for the TEC NEWS, why not send it right in as I would like to send out the July issue earlier if I can so the sooner the better. The deadline is May 12, 1984 for ads and articles.

Imagine huffing and puffing your way up a zig zagging stairway to the very top of a one hundred foot tower. At the peak you find the only way down is through your choice of two roaring tunnels of translucent fiber-glas. These green monsters are four feet in diameter and have cascading through them from 2,000 gallon per minute pumps. It is downright terrifying for an old guy like me the first time..but, the look on my three year old daughter's face is sheer delight as I step into the frothy white water, put her on my lap and let go.

Waaaaahoooooooooooo.....Swish, plummet, twist, turn and bulleting down nearly 370 feet of snaking water slide, we skyrocket out of the end of the tube at ground level and are helped from a warm catch pool up a stairway to begin the trek back up the tower again! It is a total riot of fun and catching on all over the United States and elsewhere. It is known in Salem, Oregon, as the Hydrotube.

The facility in my town is a \$1,500,000.00 investment in time, talent, and architecture that is totally inclosed, heated, and available for year around family entertainment. Ten rides cost \$3.00 and one wears a little plastic bracelet with tear off tabs for keeping track of the number of times down the tube. It is open for ages three to three hundred, comparatively safe, and a thrill to remember at my age. It is addicting and can turn a family pocket book inside out in a matter of minutes. If the ride saturates a person then there is a video arcade to test skills at saving the earth from mad metallic insects, etc., and right through the middle of the arcade room is a section of one of the tubes itself. Just as a dragon is about to devour your arm a screaming patron rockets past you in the back lighted hydrotube. A quick glance at the distraction results in the dragon getting your arm and everything else. He has muched you completely.....quarter and all. Oh well, there is still enough money to grab a snack from the snack machine and sit in the observation deck seats to enjoy the excitement.

Into this environment of chills and thrills march as many as 1,200 people a day with twice that many expected during peak summer times coming up. The Cimenter Group, which consists of me and the family, was invited to place one of the automatic elongating machines in the site. I got the perfect location right next to the main entrance and the observation platform. It looked like a real winner.

It went down the tube. Within a week it was evident that the thousands of people coming to the facility were there for thrills and not for souvenirs. Still, I had invested a lot of time and effort into making the die so I let it remain. Within a month it was evident that the new Hydrotube building that was made of concrete sweat great drops of chlorine saturated water. The atmosphere actually stings the eyes and rusts everything in a matter of days. I came in several times to find my machine covered with puddles of water. Still, the owner was a friend. In fact, he was best man at my wedding. So, I let the machine stay a little longer. After two months it was evident that even the quarters put into the machine were starting to corrode so I pulled it out to save its life. The money made there barely covered the repairs. It went down the tube, to be sure.

Because of the extremely low production of the machine itself and the fact that most of the people that operated it came from Salem and vicinity it is clearly one of the rarest elongated coins I have ever produced from a sheer numbers standpoint. The die has the words: Down The Tube (across the top) and Keizer, Oregon (across the bottom) and the trademark word Hydrotube in the middle. There are two representative tubes coming from a stylized tower to a pool below with water flowing out and tiny figures being flung into the froth. The Hydrotube was conceptualized in Salem but a tiny community called Keizer came into existence by vote of the people so it ended up with the location known as Keizer, OR. See ad.

At the recently held White Rose Coin Club Show, in York, Pa., I was most fortunate to come across several elongated coins of the 1893 Columbian Exposition. Two of them on Indian head cents, an 1892 and a variety two copper-nickel. Next was a 1889 Liberty head nickel and two dimes, a Capped bust type 1837 and a 1892 Barber head type. Then I came across one on what appears to be made on a brass planchet at least the size of our quarter. To date I have not been able to determine if it is a foreign coin or a token of some kind. However it is a very interesting piece to add to my collection. It will also be interesting to continue to try to determine what it is made on.

The Columbian Exposition observed the 400th Anniversary of the discovery of America by Christopher Columbus and was held a year later than planned. It exhibited such wonders of its time as the expansion engine, Pullman cars and the Linotype. The first Ferris wheel was also created for the exposition. History books and encyclopedias record this interesting information for the entire world, but one important item left out is the beginning of the elongated rolling machine and the creation of a hobby that we as collectors of elongated coins have come to enjoy and learn many things from. Rolling engravings onto precious and semi-precious metals in the form of coins to honor, commemorate, depict, advertise events, places, things, people, etc., began and these are the coins we collect today.

Unfortunately we do know who to credit the creation of the rolling machine to but as collectors we sure can be thankful for the Columbian Exposition. Just think, maybe a visitor to the Columbian Exposition came from a country far away and had a coin of his country rolled as a souvenir but accidentally let it get away from him during his visit and it might just be the one on the brass planchet that I have. Hmmm, thats an interesting thought and who knows it just might be possible. What do you think?

A SHORT STORY ON ELONGATED COINS

BY CHUCK WARNSTEDT
CHICAGO, ILL.

I've been collecting elongated coins for about ten years now, and other numismatic items maybe twice as long.

It seems, and is true that elongated coins hold my interest and attention the most. First because they are not hard to come by. Second because they are very easy to obtain and reasonable in price. Third because they make a nice numismatic exhibit if one desires to enter them in a coin show or just to exhibit at a local bank, school, lodge or what ever. I've exhibited my coins three different times now and came away with two first places and one second place.

I've also given several talks on them at various groups, resulting in new members for our local Coin Club, the Oak Park Ill., Coin Club. I also mention T.E.C. and tell of the advantages of belonging.

Elongated coins are sure to become one of the best collectables any numismatist would want to save, they have a charm that seems to sing out, save me, collect me, admire me and show me off. So my advise to all is exhibit, share the hobby with others. You'll be surprised how "elongated coins" our hobby can become.

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Dear Aunt Mary,

Chicago sure seemed a long way away on the Greyhound bus. John said, the trip would have been a lot quicker had the bus been streamlined. So Little John didn't seem to mind though, since he slept most of the way.

We got to the exposition around noon. The place looked really crowded. The bus had to leave us off on the street beside the station because there were cars parked right in the bus lanes!

The first thing Little John saw was the rocket ride. John and I knew we would hear no peace until Johnny got to ride it.

The observation towers that supported the ride were over sixty stories high. You could supposedly see four states including Iowa. Little John tried to see our house, but John said he probably couldn't even see Carroll let alone see our house.

The rocket ride cost 50¢ each and Little John got on for a Quarter. The rocket ride seemed to take longer than the bus ride. John said, if real rockets go that slow it would take forever to go to outer space. Little John seemed to like it though.

Once on the Midway I could see why people called it "The Rainbow City." All the buildings were painted in bright colors and hundreds of flags made up a lane called Esplanade of Flags. Also along the midway were gigantic painting of Gettysburg and World War I. There were alligator wrestlers, roller coasters, freaks, reptiles and a Midget Village too.

There was a special show on the midway called the Streets of Paris. It was just like a party in Gay Paris. There was a fan dancer named Sally Rand. I don't want to say how she danced, but she sure wasn't doing the Lindy hop.

The next things we saw were all the little villages. It looked as though the fair had its own little world inside. Among the villages were ancient Egypt, Ukraine, Morocco, Algiers, the Black Forest, and the Seminole Indians. My favorites were the Republic of China and Old Belgium. Old Belgium had beautiful cobblestone streets. The Lama Temple of Jehol in the China section was especially nice. It was an exact replica of where Manchu emperors worshipped before the revolution in 1911. The temple consisted of 28,000 pieces, each cut, carved and fit into place without using a single nail. The roof was covered with 23 carat gold!

There was also a Hollywood section where we saw a real movie being made John said, he saw Ginger Rogers, but I don't think it was her. We ate at the Brown Derby as the restaurant was in the shape of a big hat. Speaking of hats, I bought a new one at one of the fancy fashion stores that are just like the ones in Hollywood.

Also of interest was a replica of Fort Dearborn with everything inside and out just as it was before the original was destroyed by Indians. I bet those ol' Indians in the village were surprised to see that!

The exhibit buildings were also interesting. The Hall of Electricity let you hear your own voice in different pitches and explained how the new telephones worked (although I'm afraid I'm still not exactly sure how they worked.) The Hall of Science let you see right through your skin to see your bones by using an x-ray machine. Little John wanted to try it, but I was afraid it might be dangerous, (I guess I'm silly sometimes.)

There was a General Motors building that had glass walls and you could actually see a car being assembled. If you had the money you could buy a car in the morning, watch it being put together during the day and drive it away that evening.

The travel and transport building had little vehicles that took you up a ramp and inside. There were displays of old-time cars, stagecoaches, trains, airplanes and every kind of transportation you could think of except walking. Thank goodness!

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In the evening the fair was flooded by lights of all kinds, including a new kind made out of tubes with gasses in them (when electricity made contact with them the lights showed in different colors.)

We decided to stay in a cottage for the night in order to get a good start in the morning for ol' Carrol, Iowa. The cabin is nice even though it cost four dollars.

Love, Amy

SOMETHING TO WRITE ABOUT

by LEE MARTIN, N.L.G.
BEAUMONT, VALIF.

Editor, President Sally Kirka is doing a fine job but like all editors she needs articles and your help is the difference between an interesting Newsletter and one loaded with space fillers.

Her situation isn't unique, I have been (and am) the editor of the Numismatic Literary Guild Newsletter during most of the eighteen years the organization has been in existence. In only one recent issue has there been more articles than available space....and that group consists of almost 300 writers, editors publishers, curators and photographers.

Thus it is understandable that Sally often finds a shortage of available material for you to read. One of the reasons why many do not want to write is the thought that "I am not a professional writer and don't want to be embarrassed." If that is your problem ignore it. One of the functions of any editor is to take material that you can improve on and convert it into quality writing. Sally has proven that she can do this on numerous occasions but she does require readable copy. If you can't type, why not write slowly and carefully? It allows added time to think and lets the editor decipher what has been created.

Many of us like to write but subject matter may be hard to decide upon. It is normal reaction as what interests you may not seem like it would be satisfactory for others. Let me assure you that in most instances, interests of club members coincide.

Subjects such as "My Favorite coin, How I started in the Hobby, The Most Unusual or Costly or Best Bargain I own" OR any article about personal subject coins would be fun to write and a delight to read.

If you own a home computer or have access to one, word processing features allow quick erasing, changes or substitutions. Practice is the name for proficiency in writing so take advantage of your unit and whether you create a masterpiece or a messterpiece you will have had the satisfaction of knowing you have contributed to TEC and indirectly to your own expansion of knowledge.

Some of the articles I have read in this Newsletter are professional quality. Many of you can easily stretch your horizons to selling articles to non-numismatic publications. The fact that our hobby is a stranger to the public serves as an added incentive for an editor of a general circulation publication to buy something informative.

A great philosopher once said, "A journey of a thousand miles starts with but a single step" and the saying can be converted to read, "The finest novel begins with but a single word and every article in the Newsletter follows that theory."

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Although TEC NEWS isn't in the mail yet, meaning the January issue, I'm already thinking of writing some articles for the April issue. We need some articles badly. So if you have an article, lets hear from you if you want to keep on receiving it. No articles, no TEC NEWS!

While sitting here I picked up an elongated coin that someone just sent me. Wow, I nearly ripped my finger off. So folks if you get any of the zinc pennies that are rolled out, easy does it. First the zinc coins are much easier to roll, yet at times the edges are so sharp and rough you can really cut your fingers badly.

When I roll any coins out, I flatten the coins right after rolling. Theres no need to keep them curved as theres no more value in them if they are curved or flat. I perfer them flat as I used them in my P.N.C. covers. Yet I've seen some people put curved coins into these covers. I have to laugh at this.

Anyhow after I do this with the zinc coins I then sit down under a very strong light and check over all the elongated coins I had just rolled and flatten. Al got me a good steel file so I file down any and all elongated coins with sharp and rough edges. As really you can cut your fingers badly when handling the zinc elongated coins. Not all, but its good to look each one over carefully.

Even when I file the coins I have a paper down so the small slivers fall on this and not so I can get them into my fingers. So I say again be very careful when handling the zinc elongated coins from 1982-1983 and now 1984.

Its also good to take advantage of the elongated holders that are being sold now. See last issue for this. It would be good to always have some on hand. When you do buy an elongated coin, put the coin in the holder right away. Better still file down the edges right away. I'm not kidding some of the elongated coins are as sharp as a razor and have rugged edges to.

As I file my elongated pennies down I forgot that others may not do this. Believe me after I picked up these coins today, I'll check the coins I receive from others and file the edges as soon as I get them. I'm mostly talking about the longer size coins that I and a few others make. If you have the regular size elongated coins they are not so bad. Take my word and be careful.

1984 CONVENTION

BY HAROLD ANDERSON
CARO, MICH.

The 1984 A.N.A. convention will soon be here and I bet all the elongated collectors that will be going to Detroit, Michigan will be saving all their pennies to go to the convention. The date for the convention is July 28 - August 1, 1984.

As you know I made a clock with elongated coins for our TEC meeting at San Diego, A.N.A. convention. This was donated to TEC to be auctioned off at the TEC meeting and the money went to the TEC treasury. This I think brought in about 42-45 dollars.

Well I just may make one for the Detroit convention. This one will be in the shape of the state of Michigan.

It was good to see so many old friends in San Diego, California. I also appreciated on receiving all the elongated coins. So thanks to all that donated and made this possible.

Happy New Years to all you nice people out there and I hope 1984 will be a good year for all. Take care and I hope to see many of you in Detroit at the A.N.A. Convention in July.

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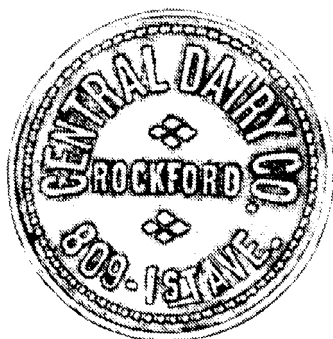
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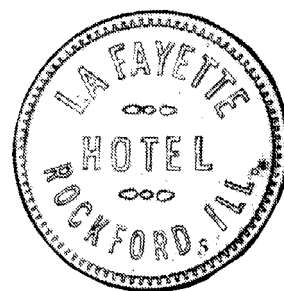


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When I first starting rolling elongated coins, I could buy a blank die made from tool steel for \$23. and today it costs, me between \$45. to \$50. for a blank die. This is what we know as inflation. Remember the 6¢ postage stamp in 1970 and now 20¢. I started making dies in 1977. Here are some of the prices I paid for materials that are used in making a die the coating we use to prepare a roll for engraving \$18. a bottle and today \$48. a bottle. I use three different kinds of developer, the A & B we use for black and white film \$1.50, now \$10., the other developers the same. The spray I use to spray the pennies \$1.39, and now over \$5. per 100 ft., now \$24.50. I could go on and on. This is not even figuring the hours spent on mileage on our cars. There are still other things we use in producing a die, electricity, steel acid, letters for our art work, so you see its not just using a penny to make an elongated coin. If one does not make his own dies, then its from \$35. to \$55. and up. I have heard some tell me that they have paid \$150. just for a die.

The art work alone takes at least four hours to eight hours and I have worked up to twelve hours on some. Why, because a lots of time we have work from a logo the size of a postage stamp or Christmas card and it takes a long time to get this all together.

Why do some of us still stay in the business of rolling elongated coins? Because its a hobby to us and as long as we can at least pay for our supplies, we are satisfied. I guess its a challenge to us. It also keeps our mind creative.

Please remember that the price of an elongated coin in 1971 was 50¢ and in 1984 its still 50¢. So who is getting the breaks, its still the elongated coin collectors! I also keep a correct record of all I roll and a lot of my coins rolled are in the 50 to 300 bracket. Where a roller at a fair or at a tourist spot rolls from 10,000 from the same die. So whose elongated coins are the rarest? When some of us are gone to our maker, a lot of our elongated coins will be of a small mintage. Below are some of the coins I made recently.



"T.E.C. BADGES"BY JOHN G. SPADONE
MIAMI, FLORIDA

I received a letter from a TEC member inquiring about badges. I would like to share this information with all the TEC members.

The TEC badges were rolled out on quarters with a pin ribbon to wear on lapel or outer garment. Some of the ribbons were hand made by the members then later they were bought from companies making pin ribbons. These were made for the members to wear at their annual meetings in conjunction with the A.N.A. Convention to identify the members or representatives of the "The Elongated Collectors" club. There were seventeen different badges made by several rollers. From 1967-1983, the mintages varied according to the amount ordered. The prices ranged from \$2.30 to \$5.00. This is the list of the badges and who had made them. 1967 for Miami, Fla. Lloyd Wagaman, 1968 for San Diego, Calif., L. Wagaman, 1969 for Phila., Pa. L. Wagaman, 1970 for St. Louis, Mo., Norman MacQuithy, 1971 for Washington, D.C., 1972 for New Orleans, La., L. Wagaman, 1973 Boston, Mass. R. Luchtman, 1974 for Miami, Fla., R. Luchtman, 1975 for Los Angeles, Calif., R. Luchtman, 1976 for New York, N.Y. R. Luchtman, 1977 for Atlanta, Ga., R. Luchtman, 1978 for Houston, Texas, R. Luchtman, 1979 for St. Louis, Mo., R. Luchtman, 1980 for Cincinnati, Ohio unknown yet, 1981 for New Orleans, unknown yet, but I think they were made by Claude Watt, 1982 for Boston, Mass., Sally Kirka, 1983 for San Diego, Calif., Sally Kirka.

SOME NICE PEOPLE OUT THEREBY ROY S. FOWLER SR.
SALEM, OREGON

I've said it before and I'll say it again, and add to it. "There are some very nice people collecting elongated coins." Now I want to add, "Brilliant."

The reason is, Dr. J. Allen Gilbert, ANA 106742. The other day I had received a call from him ordering some Hawaiian elongated coins. During our conversation he asked me if I had read the August issue of "The Numismatist." As I didn't he offered to send me a copy. He said he has the cover story. I was indeed curious so asked him to send it to us. When I read the article I immediately knew I had to add the word "Brilliant" to my list. Dr. Gilbert is a retired engineer with three Academic degrees! His article dealt with the Knights of St. John and the Crusades and the coinage from 1080 A.D. to 1798 A.D. He also mentioned that the Knights of St. John is the only order of Knighthood still active, with one base in Rome and one in the United States.

Dr. Gilbert is evidently interested in many things. He later ordered more coins with a variety of "ships" on them. It is true that this does not have much bearing on elongated coins, but it just goes to show that elongated coins are fascinating to everyone from the brilliant to the lowest on the totem pole, like me!

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SPRAY OR NOT TO SPRAY

BY SALLY KIRKA N.L.G.
MANCHESTER, CONN.

Many members and new rollers of elongated coins have asked me, why are the backs so nice of the coins that I roll? I really don't know what to say but I did find out a few put on to much spray paint. Or put it on to heavy. We all do this the first time, but like me I've learned from my mistakes.

The Deff spray is very good if you dont over spray. This I found out myself. Some put it on so heavy you can't see a thing on the backs of a rolled out coin. So I kept trying until I think I have it good now or the coins look real nice and Lincoln shows up good.

First put your coins in a row side by side, or close to each other. Then I keep the rows a good three inches apart. When I have all the coins ready, I shake the can of spray paint three minutes like it said on the can. This is a must. Then when I spray I go over each row only once so when you start the next row you don't over lap the spray. This way each row is only sprayed once. Never go back and forth on the pennies. Go over the pennies once and thats it. Also don't hold spray to long in one spot but keep going down each row of coins. The trick of spraying is not to put it on to heavy. Try this a few times until you think its enough. Now you may have a better way, so try out your own ways to.

I still like to use the brown stain and put this on by hand. Meaning putting on each coin one at a time with a q-tip. I at times hold the coin with a tooth pick with one hand while I put the stain with the q-tip. There could be better ways so to each their own. When I do it this way, I let them dry for awhile. If the coins are to light I go over them again as coins show up better. I always have the coins ready long before I do any rolling of coins. So I have some of all coins ready to roll at all times.

Its still better to make your coins look nice as I've seen some messy coins lately. Yet you will learn by trying different things. Don't be afraid to buy things and try them out. You may even find some-thing very special and better that we can also use to make the backs of the coins even better looking. I do know there are many that have nice coloring on the backs of coins to. Yet many learners still trying to do a good job for all. If you found something good lets hear of it so we can all use your idea. We can try it and just may like it. I did learn a new trick of later taking off the stain and a new idea on coins. Only this is another story and best done in the summer. This was made from a mistake, but came out very nice to.



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For Sale; John G. Spadone, 4872 N.W. 171st Terrace, Miami, Florida 33055, still has a few books on Yesterday Elongateds, by Dottie Dow & Lee Martin. Check with John for price but I think the book is \$22. All true collectors should have this book before the price goes up any higher. Coin dealers selling them for \$35 and hard cover book now sells for \$75. and more.

Wanted; By Lowell L. Lundberg, 111 Bernay Drive, Slidell, LA. 70458, If anyone has any elongated coins on Masonic items, please write to him. He is very interested in Masonic items for his collection.

For Sale; by Rich Hartzog, P.O. Box 4143, Rockford, Ill. 61110 has "To-days Elongateds" Book for sale. Now out of print, Hard bound, 205 pages, photos, historical background etc. Autographed by Lee Martin, author. Only \$100. postpaid.

For Sale; by Barbara Izzo, P.O. Box 104, Carlstadt, N.J. 07072. Has a Christmas elongated coin for sale at 50¢ each, plus a S.A.S.E.

For Sale; by Roy Fowler, 4048 Pentiction Circle, N.E., Salem, Oregon 97303. If you read the article in this issue, I went down the tube with this one, then Roy is selling this coin for his son. The coins are 25¢ each, plus a S.A.S.E. to TEC members. It sounds like a good coin.

Wanted; by Ray Dillard, P.O. Box 161, Fenton, Mi, 48430. He wants to buy "yesterday Elongated Coins," especially those commorating World's Fair and Expositions. Turn your duplicates into cash. Sell them to me. Will pay 10% over the "low level price scale," as listed in the Martin & Dow's book. Send S.A.S.E for my new price list.

For Sale; By Cecil E. Walls, 1510 N. Harding St., Orange, Calif. 92667. He has about 40 elongated coins for sale at 50¢ each for the pennies and nickels are 75¢ each plus the S.A.S.E. Send an S.A.S.E. for his latest price list. His latest elongated coins sent to me are really beautiful.

Send to James Warmus, Box 1035, Burbank, Calif. 91507 for his new list. He has a long list of all kind of coins you may need for your collection. From what I see a long list of a little of everything. Don't forget send that S.A.S.E. when and if you write to anyone for their free list.

Don't forget if you have something for sale, or trade, please send it to me so I can put it on this page. Only please write, or better still, why not type it up so I can read it. If I can't then I can't use it. Its not easy to read all hand writing.

For Sale: By Tom Gerhardt, 2060 Kingston St., Aurora, Colo. 80010 Tom has three or four new coins for sale for 50¢ each, plus a S.A.S.E. The coins very well made and nice engraving. Tom travels around a lot so don't get nervous as when he gets back he will still take care of your orders.

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WHY ARE SOME OF THE ZINC CENTS SO BLACK?

BY ROY S. FOWLER SR.
SALEM, OREGON

On November 14, 1983 I wrote to the U.S. Mint in Denver and included a couple of the zinc cents. One had a horrible blackened area on the Head side and the other cent was a very brassy looking one.

On November 21, 1983 they wrote back to tell me that the black area was because a rinse solution had been left on the cent. (I haven't been able to clean it off with anything. Fortunately not too many like that.) The other coin was plated with additional zinc in the plating solution. (He didn't say why they did this.) It did have the required thickness of plating however. The man that returned my correspondence was Veldon Reed, the Supervisory Chemist.

Some other interesting information was that they contract out the manufacture of the copper-plated zinc cent blanks. (I heard from another source that the Ball Brothers canning supply company was one of the suppliers. They've been in the zinc nfg., business for a lo-o-ng time.) Also, he said that they sample every tank of blanks before they are coined. They review and inspect every sample. He also said, that they have rejected a very high percentage of the blanks and sent them back to the contractor.

Something else; they stamp approximately 23 to 27 million cents a day! that means \$230,000 to \$270,000 a day in pennies or cents!

I'm sure that all of the rollers have had some of these coins turn up in their bags and if they didn't know what caused their unusual appearance well, now they do.

NOTES OF INTERESTS

Lee Martin had an operation lately and our prayers go to him and a speedy recovery from all of us. So please get better Lee as we all miss and love you.

The free ads in TEC NEWS can not be repeated over and over. This is a one time deal to help all. Yet you can have as many different ads in every issue. My write up free, yours is a paid ad as I put in what we have room for. The idea was to help all the members to sell their coins.

John Izzo husband of Barbara Izzo has been very sick lately. I think he has had his third by-pass on his veins on his leg in early January. Even while in the hospital after this last operation things took a turn for the worse and he was rushed back on the operating table to have another emergency operation in the middle of the night. Thats where he lost one of his legs.

I hope by now you are feeling much better John. Please take it easy and do as your Doctor tells you. Our prayers go to you both from all the TEC officers and members.

Congratulations to a wonderful couple Mr. and Mrs. Allen and Nina Nyström from Seattle, Washington on their 50th wedding anniversary. May this happy couple have many more anniversaries. Our blessing and good wishes to you both from the TEC officers and members.

Take our mistakes we make in the TEC NEWS with our love for you as we often sit up all night working on it so we can get it out to you on time. We try very hard to please everyone but sometimes very hard to do. You can all help us to send us your articles on time so we can get them done early. If you know of any member that is sick, please also tell me so I can tell the members. Yes we do care about our members and you do to.

Sometimes I get so lazy that I prefer to think gremlin will do all my writing for me. Unfortunately, the gremlin is not a mind reader so nothing gets done unless I park myself by the computer and serenade it with tired fingers. Subject matter will vary greatly, depending on the target area. Oddly, despite the fact that I write for a group of wide ranging magazines and newspapers the lone subject that I think could be tailored to fit all would be about elongated coins.

The general public, (when I use that term I always wonder if there is a nongeneral public such as a private public) has not heard about elongated coins. It is surprising that our hobby has existed for so long and so few know that U.S. coins can be converted into a palette for rollers to reincarnate.

Stretched U.S. coinage apparently needs a public relations expert but the main reason why most rollers do not want to broadcast our hobby is that it might attract the attention of politicians looking for a cause. Imagine the ease with which a Senator could denounce the use of U.S. coinage being used for profit by individuals. He, of course would conveniently forget or be unaware of commemorative coins, the special Olympic issues and all the coins used as jewelry. In the long run our hobby would be "shot down." Although I have never been able to accurately document it, I understand elongated coins were ruled illegal during 1927 or so and it took a few years until our coins were once again O.K.'ed.

The idea of using coins for profit does seem unusual, especially when a close look is taken at the "huge" sums being made by rollers. Why some rollers actually make enough to pay for their dies! A few others have been known to write with black ink in their ledgers, but most of those who create elongated coins do so for other reasons. It is one sure way of having your efforts remembered. It allows the creative juices to flow; rollers can make coins that have personal appeal and because coins are usually sold at swap meets, fairs, tourist attractions and other areas where crowds gather the transactions are primarily in cash. Retired people love this phase. It may be illegal but Social Security isn't very social and it sure doesn't give security so who can blame a senior citizen for trying to make a few dollars that Uncle Sam won't tax. Just in case a revenue agent reads this let me hasten to add that I do NOT sell at fairs and all my sales are via mail order with checks as the medium exchange.

Time to close...ever hear what one cent told another? "Hey, don't go into that bank or you'll get rolled!"

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I think I wrote about this before and a few others did to. Is it alright to flatten your elongated coins and I always say, why not.

Most dies are engraved on a round steel roll that looks like a donut and most have at least four dies engraved on a roll. So while rolling out the coins some coins come out more curved then others.

So after I roll maybe a 100 pennies at a time. I roll all my coins by hand as I do a much better job and I like Lincoln to look the same way. After the coins are rolled I flatten them right away. Years ago everyone had a chopping block in their cellar where you chopped wood. Well we had one there to. I told Al how I wanted this fixed so I could flatten my coins and this works fine. I did add some folded cloth so I would not scratch up the coins.

I have a hammer that Al used to have with a small head on it. I lay about ten coins down side by side and give each elongated coin a light tap in a couple places and they lay flat in no time. The nickels, halves and quarters, you may have to hit them just a little harder to lay flat. On these coins I hit top and bottom and in the middle and this flattens them in no time.

There is no more value in a curved coin then a flatten coin. Also how can you mail a curved coin? Its better to mail the coins after they are flatten. If you like your coins curved, then keep them that way but I flatten them all. You can also store them better in holders or boxes. They also look better in your exhibits. I remember once when I saw an exhibit of all curved elongated coins and I stood there laughing at exhibit as it looked so bad.

I never ruined one of my elongated coins yet from tapping them with a hammer and they really do look so much better when flatten. When I put coins in with TEC NEWS its a must to flatten them first.

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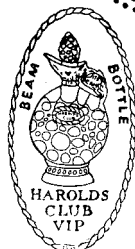


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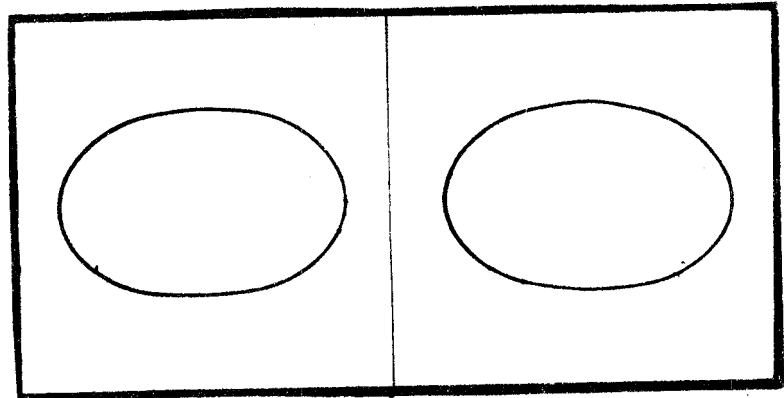
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